

the Mathews) Later another mill was erected by Col. S. C. Pritchard who used the turbine wheel for power, which was a great improvement. Our present mill, an up-to date roller mill as built by Winfred McElwee. (1912)

On the old water power location there was also an up and down saw mill, also a carding machine which did splendid work, and a planing machine which made it a very business center.

The first store building was built of logs. It still stands on the bank of the creek and is owned by Fred Pritchard. First merchants who kept this store were Duncan & Co., Newton & George Wilson later kept store in the same building. After this Richard Jennings was in the merchantile business in a new and up to date building on the banks of the race. This building was destroyed by fire a few years ago.

W. H. Cackley and B. F. McElwee built the house where J. E. Pritchard now resides and used this store room until business forced them to build greater. In this new building C. E. Pritchard now does business.

W. H. Cackly built and lived where Fred Pritchard now lives. Richard Jennings built the residence which is now the Dunmore Hotel kept and owned by Bland Nottingham. Mrs. Mary Hull built her home and postoffice. W. A. Noel built and opened the store where Gray Woods now is in the business. Winfred McElwee built the bungalows where Cam McLaughlin and Dock Sheets now live. All of the above mentioned homes, also from Jake Lightners on the Huntersville road and to Letcher McLaughlins on the Bitlington road were sold off the Isaac Moore property. Beyond the Presbyterian Church all was as the Indians had left it, in the woods.

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William Nottingham of the Glade Hill neighborhood, married Mary Arbogast, daughter of Adam Arbogast, and settled in the woods. This is now one of our best farms, and is owned by Dr. Ligon Price since the death of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Price.

George Craig, father of the late Rev. Newton Craig, was the earliest settler at Glade Hill. A sad tragedy has impressed this fact. The colored nurse became angry when reproved by Mrs. Craig and as an expression of her wrath she threw the baby girl in a large kettle of boiling water. That the mother might forget this horrible scene, they sold the nurse to Col. Paul McNeel of Hillsboro, who then owned the Andrew Mathews farm. Isaac Moore bought the Glade Hill farm from Paul McNeel, and E. W. Moore inherited it from his father. This farm has been sold again and divided into three which are owned by Charles Nottingham, James Wilfong and Charles Wilfong.

Benjamin Arbogast, one of the pioneers of the Buzzard Neighborhood built a brick house where Cornelius Buzzard now lives. It was in this home they had all of their preaching services.

The young folks, their shoes in hand, walked to Greenbank to church on Sunday. On their return they attended Sunday School and prayer meeting which was conducted in John Suttons barn. When they did all of their shopping at Hot Springs Va. with only a narrow path just wide enough for a pack horse, we do not wonder that they made no more than four trips each year, and that they treasured their shoes.

Ruben Buzzard, next neighbor, lived on the farm where ^{Emery} Emory Shinsberry now lives. Their first church was built of logs just after the Civil War. It has since been replaced by a frame building.

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* Baxter Presbyterian Church built during the year 1858.